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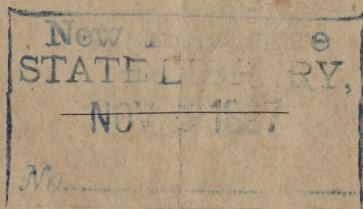
SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1867.



CONCORD:
WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD, PRINTER.
1867.

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Year ending March 1867

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

By cash in the treasury,	\$1,666 56
of Chas. H. Davis, mistake on note,	90
John H. Varney, on town's note,	200 00
Railroad tax for 1865,	351 00
County for pauper,	43 49
Lucy R. Hill, on town's note,	75 00
Dorothy E. Hill, " "	85 00
Samuel G. Hanaford, collector for 1865,	310 48
Chase W. Colby, on town's note,	300 00
Joseph S. Cross, " "	700 00
Henry T. Hill, " "	800 00
Bradbury T. Brown,	1,000 00
Samuel G. Hanaford, collector for 1865,	900 00
Asa P. Cate, from sale of town farm property,	2,110 70
Asa P. Cate, John Keyser's note \$749 51,	
Benj. Haines, \$131 69,	881 20
Asa P. Cate, Joseph D. Rand, note,	57 55
" Jas. N. Forrest, endorsement,	350 00
" Benj. Haines, note,	203 47
" Asa R. Osgood, note,	20 59
" Wm. H. Clough, note,	19 27
" Jas. N. Forrest, endorsement,	150 00
" various persons (for small bills),	
town farm,	39 72
" bills he paid (\$20 for his services),	71 85
Hannah C. Smart, on town's note,	350 00
Chas. F. Clark, " "	150 00
Jas. N. Forrest, for taxes,	174 48
Sarah Davis, on town's note,	100 00
John W. Wells and Joseph M. Folsom, on town's note,	521 26
Samuel Wyatt, on town's note,	200 00
Jas. N. Forrest, for taxes,	242 50
Samuel G. Hanaford, collector, 1865,	90 28

Hannah C. Smart, on town's note,	100 00
George M. Riley, " "	75 00
David Brown, " "	300 00
Samuel G. Hanaford, collector, 1865,	22 14
Betsey S. Warren, on town's note,	500 00
Jas. N. Forrest, for taxes,	237 00
" county tax receipt,	950 85
" for taxes,	262 00
Joseph S. Robinson, on town's note,	275 00
Nancy Hanaford, " "	100 00
Jas. N. Forrest, for taxes,	213 89
Hannah H. Glines, on town's note,	200 00
Ruama Copp, " "	125 00
Bradbury T. Brown, " "	300 00
Mary S. Plumer, " "	234 77
David & Curtice B. Burley, " "	200 00
Mary Bailey, " "	100 00
Samuel Wyatt, " "	50 00
Elisabeth Hill, " "	90 00
Frank Hill, " "	65 00
Nancy Hanaford, " "	550 00
Alfred A. Gile, " "	1,000 00
Mahala Hill, " "	105 00
Samuel G. Hanaford, collector, 1865,	160 00
John E. Forrest, on town's note,	225 00
Curtice B. Burley, " "	140 00
Orville F. Rogers, " "	500 00
Alfred A. Gile, " "	200 00
Bradbury T. Brown, " "	200 00
Robert Gray, " "	200 00
Joseph S. Robinson, " "	150 00
Jas. N. Forrest, State tax receipt,	2,332 50
" for taxes,	239 06
State Treasurer, Savings Bank interest,	97 41
" " railroad tax,	302 72
" " State aid to soldier's fam- ilies,	425 06
" " Literary fund,	30 75
" " United States assignments for two men,	480 00
Sarah S. Curry, on town's note,	364 82
John Curry, " "	602 26
Jas. N. Forrest, collector,	521 85

By cash of Jas. N. Forrest collector,	325 00
“ “	400 00
“ “	405 00
Samuel G. Hanaford, collector for 1865,	39 95
James N. Forrest, collector,	575 00
Thomas Gile, highway tax,	90
Jas. N. Forrest, collector,	300 00
“ “	53 26
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	\$27,491 49

Paid for Support of external Poor.

Paid Mrs. S. C. Sumner, cash,	2 00
Solon F. Hill, cash for Samuel Mooney,	2 50
Sam'l Dicy, 7 weeks board of Weston Danforth,	8 75
Sargent Bennett, 6 weeks board of Oliver Danforth,	15 00
J. H. Rowell, 6 1-2 yds. sheeting for Col. Foss,	1 56
“ 1 1-2 yds. satinnet, for Wesley Brown,	1 50
W. P. & J. Hill, pr. boots for Wesley Brown,	3 50
J. F. Taylor, bill for clothes for “	5 50
R. G. L. Bartlett, cutting for “	1 20
J. F. Taylor, pair boots for Col. Foss,	4 00
W. P. & J. Hill, cap for Brown boy,	1 13
City of Manchester to Mrs. Farwell, assistance,	43 14
J. H. Philbrick, for 3 3-8 cords wood for Col. Foss,	14 35
Asahel Canfield, 12 weeks' board for Brown boy,	6 00
A. Barnes, keeping one-armed man,	1 50
W. P. & J. Hill, provisions for Chas. Arlin,	4 00
“ “ “ “	2 52
N. Knight, medical aid to Oliver Danforth,	15 00
Andrew French, on account for Jane Danforth,	35 00
Harriet Kimball, on account for David Kimball,	30 00
Wm. Roby, making clothes, and school books for Brown boy,	5 52
J. F. Taylor, provisions for Chas. Arlin,	9 00
“ flour for Mrs. Foss, and 4 lbs. nails,	1 32
Drs. Lyford & Osborne, for Mrs. Cross, John Collins, &c.,	5 75
John Brown, support of Alfred Danforth 1 year,	68 00
Ames & Kelsea, medicine and gin for Col. Foss,	4 50

\$347 24

Paid Outstanding Bills.

Paid Auditors, A. P. Cate & H. Bean,	\$4 00
Wm. C. French, balance of taxes for 1864,	26 42
John L. Hodgdon, 1 day on road,	1 50
Jos. A. Cofran, 1 day on road,	1 50
Roy T. Kimball, covering stone,	2 50
Wm. Butterfield, town reports,	44 00
Wm. C. French, services 3 days as selectman,	4 50
Obadiah Glines, 3 days services, and use of team, Nov. 1864,	5 00
Dan'l M. Sargent, manuf'g water trough,	3 00
Hiram Streeter, for coffin for David Whicher,	5 00
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	\$97 42

Paid for Support of Schools.

Paid Joseph Clisby, District No. 1,	\$71 50
Daniel E. Hill, " 2,	84 53
David G. Heath, " 3,	49 82
Jas. N. Forrest, " 4,	68 07
John A. Hanaford, " 5,	94 42
John Kimball, " 6,	52 62
Jas. F. Glines, " 7,	62 12
John G. Brown, " 8,	30 11
Jeremiah Cross, " 9,	16 02
M. A. Herrick, " 10,	134 89
Eben Thurston, " 11,	30 47
Marden settlement,	5 41
Fellows settlement,	7 22
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	\$707 20

Paid Principal and Interest on Notes.

Paid William H. Clough, interest,	\$6 00
Barker Eastman, " "	90 00
John W. Downs, note taken up,	161 20
Moses Bachelder, endorsed,	150 00
Harry Shaw, note taken up,	323 30
David G. Ferson, " "	106 42
Samuel Dicy, two " "	335 98
Mary S. Plumer, endorsed,	10 00
Otis C. Hurlburt, " "	300 00

Paid Joseph French, endorsed,	20 00
Thomas Lyford, note taken up,	217 07
Jas. H. Cofran (guar. for I. C. Hall),	222 34
Eliza M. Moon, interest,	12 00
Erwin G. Cate, note taken up,	136 95
John Curry, endorsed,	500 00
Caroline Blake, interest,	18 00
Joseph M. Simonds, note taken up,	453 33
Nancy Hanaford, interest,	33 00
Otis C. Hurlburt, 2 notes taken up,	229 42
Thomas Lyford, note “	518 88
Robert Gray, endorsed,	300 00
John H. Dinsmore, endorsed,	100 00
E. S. Wadleigh, note taken up,	102 62
Wm. P. Whidden 2 notes “	1,333 43
John H. Dinsmore, note “	67 89
Hiram Cilley, “ “	203 16
John Keyser, “ “	749 51
Benjamin Haines, “ “	131 69
Samuel Dicy, “ “	215 18
Otis C. Hurlburt, endorsed,	500 00
Daniel E. Hill, note taken up,	96 83
John Curry, endorsed,	300 00
Otis C. Hurlburt, note taken up,	411 35
Jefferson D. Bean, “ “	771 26
Eliza M. Moore, “ “	203 30
Albert Brown, endorsed,	200 00
William Jones, interest,	36 00
Chas. H. Chase, endorsed,	40 00
J. M. Clough, interest,	18 00
Mary A. Weymouth, on bond,	135 71
Daniel Blanchard, note taken up,	468 31
N. H. Savings Bank, interest,	123 00
Arthur T. Merrill, endorsed,	150 00
Statira Collins, interest,	25 47
N. H. Savings Bank, endorsed,	550 00
Arthur T. Merrill, endorsed,	75 00
Susan M. Wadsworth, interest,	42 00
Lucy R. Hill, endorsed,	25 00
Samuel E. Moore, note taken up,	1,062 65
Mary S. Plumer, “ “	239 77
Nancy Hanaford, 2 notes “	567 90
Sarah C. Fellows, note “	1,065 30

Mahala Hill,	note taken up,	61 79
Wm. H. Plumer,	" " " "	111 86
Lucy R. Hill,	" " " "	292 85
Albert L. Titcomb,	" " " "	54 40
Dan'l Blanchard,	2 notes " " " "	1,555 24
John S. Jewell,	note " " " "	131 10
Robert Gray,	" " " "	258 45
Moses F. Winslow	" " " "	114 08
Susan Burley,	interest,	8 65
Sarah S. Curry,	note taken up,	264 82
John Curry,	" " " "	802 26
Reuben S. Whicher,	" " " "	224 87
Samuel Wyatt,	2 notes " " " "	166 88
N. H. Savings Bank,	endorsed,	1,000 00
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		\$19,201 47

Paid for Support of Roads and Bridges.

Paid Reuben S. Whicher,	345 ft. plank,	\$2 76
Ira Morgan,	1 day for planking bridge,	1 60
W. P. & J. Hill,	29 lbs. spikes for bridge,	2 32
Adams & Fletcher,	2 lbs. spikes for bridge,	16
O. S. Dearborn,	4 1-2 days on road,	7 50
W. S. Hill,	8 days on road and tools,	16 00
Daniel Sanborn, jr.,	covering stone,	4 00
Joseph P. Dearborn,	2194 ft. plank,	35 10
" "	2603 " "	39 05
" "	2860 ft. bridge stringers,	85 80
" "	243 ft. railing,	4 86
Leroy R. Brown,	4 days' work on Shaker bridge,	8 00
Jas. Ayers,	work on borough road,	5 00
John S. Winslow,	243 ft. railing,	10 00
Harrison Keniston,	covering stone,	3 50
Moses Bachelder,	railing Piper bridge,	7 76
Gilman Bennett,	work on road near the grist mill,	7 50
Ira Morgan,	work on road,	1 21
David Hill,	8 days on bridges, lumber, &c.,	26 36
Jere. Cross,	828 ft. plank, \$12 42, and work on road,	16 60
Jere. W. Austin,	4 1-2 days on road and bridges,	7 75
Town of Sanbornton,	repairs on Shaker bridge,	17 00
Jos. H. Cofran,	covering stone,	2 50
W. P. & J. Hill,	team breaking road,	1 00

Jas. Earnshaw, repairing culvert, breaking roads, &c.,	8 25
W. S. Hill, building causeway stone,	10 00
Solon F. Hill, 9 days on bridges and road,	18 00
S. D. Glines, 10 days' work on windfall road,	15 00
B. F. Cofran, 5 days on bridges, roads, &c.,	10 00
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	\$374 58

Reference, Forrest v. Northfield.

Paid George, Foster & Sanborn, attorneys for Martha J. Forrest,	\$1,120 00
George, Foster & Sanborn, attorneys for Martha J. Forrest, int. from April term,	41 16
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	\$1,161 16

Paid Current Expenses.

Paid express on town reports,	25
fare to Franklin and back,	75
Jos. Clisby, dinner, &c.,	35
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for stationery and in- voice books,	6 76
expense to Concord for R. R. tax and cash for paupers,	2 00
expense to Concord before war committee,	2 50
“ “ “ to disclose in case of town,	2 50
Samuel Dicy, bal. between services and arti- cles bought,	17 93
for two telegrams from Pike at Concord,	80
expense to Concord in Forrest case,	2 00
Dr. Whidden, for administering oath,	50
expense to Concord to make State aid account,	2 00
for stamps,	80
fifty blank notes	30
Asa P. Cate, expense town farm property (\$20 00 for his services),	71 85
John W. Wells, surveying town farm,	7 38
J. F. Taylor, crackers, &c., at town farm,	6 06
B. F. Cofran's services, selling town farm,	10 00
Jos. D. Rand, two days at town farm,	3 00
expense at Concord with committee,	2 00

John W. Ela, taking deposition and ex-	
pense in Forrest case,	21 60
for stamps,	50
“ “	42
Martha H. Cross, for supporting water trough,	2 00
ink, &c.,	19
expense to Pembroke to pay Samuel E. Moore's	
note,	2 00
expense to Manchester to pay Mrs. Farwell's bill,	2 50
expense to Pembroke to pay Sarah C. Fellow's	
note,	2 00
expense to Concord to settle Forrest case,	2 00
“ “ with county committee,	2 00
A. B. Wyatt, parsonage interest,	5 50
D. S. Clay, “ “	5 50
A. P. Cate, “ “	5 50
Robert Smith, “ “	5 50
paper and stamps,	34
B. W. Sanborn & Co., check lists, &c.,	1 15
Jeremiah W. Austin, for care of town house,	2 00
Hiram Streeter, for putting in water trough,	3 00
Wm. C. French, one day's services and water	
trough,	3 50
Henry T. Hill, services as town clerk,	18 60
Isaac Whitter, “ “ “	7 20
Asa P. Cate, legal services for the year,	27 43
“ “ “ balance for services selling town	
farm,	23 66
Solon F. Hill, services as superintending school	
committee,	30 50
Henry T. Hill, rent of office,	10 00
Jeremiah Cross, damage on sheep,	7 00
Solon F. Hill, services as selectman,	39 25
Referees in the Wyatt matter,	7 00
E. G. Cummings, Wyatt matter,	7 50
A. Barnes, “ “	2 00
John S. Winslow, “ “	1 50
expense to Concord, “ “ to see Dr. Cum-	
mings,	1 50
stationery, &c.,	28
F. R. Chase, services in Dow case,	14 58
A. M. Cogswell, before war committee and	
expense to Concord,	3 00

B. F. Cofran, services as selectman,	68 00
“ “ “ “ treasurer,	30 00
“ “ “ board of selectmen and horse keeping,	7 25
“ “ “ office rent,	7 00
“ “ “ team out of town,	5 00

\$525 18

Notes Due from Town and amount of each, Mar. 8, 1867.

Fanny Smith,	\$173 89
Hiram Cross,	331 83
Hannah S. French,	227 66
E. S. Wadleigh,	354 64
Shubal Dearborn, jr.,	106 20
Hiram Cilley,	319 06
Marcia E. Forrest,	50 72
M. W. Glines,	65 02
Frances M. Glines,	97 53
Sarah J. Glines,	52 01
Helen M. Glines,	63 78
Chas. A. Gile,	127 52
“ “ “	130 43
Sarah P. Comerford,	60 89
M. W. Glines,	66 90
Albert McDaniel,	204 51
Walter F. Glines,	328 00
Frances M. Glines,	54 24
Sarah J. Glines,	153 59
M. W. Glines,	101 56
Frances M. Glines,	53 29
Betsey R. Colby,	181 22
Daniel M. Huse,	120 75
Geo. Hancock,	60 37
Malinda B. Hoag,	120 63
Wm. H. Plummer,	60 87
Geo. Page,	601 45
Harrison Brown,	204 49
George Page,	575 86
Maria R. Whittier,	826 63
Braley J. Sanborn,	1,179 57
Albert A. Gould,	234 97
Rachael Wyatt,	232 27
Malinda B. Hoag,	116 12
Samuel Wyatt,	207 80

Andrew French,	139 20
Albert McDaniel,	695 05
Samuel S. Hersey,	346 17
Jona. Randall,	342 92
Joseph V. Walker,	129 94
Sally Hill,	113 89
David Hill,	113 89
Robert Smith,	170 35
Thomas Gile, jr.,	112 75
Albert A. Gorrell,	392 81
John S. Winslow,	112 23
Harriet Brown,	111 40
Albert L. Titcomb,	71 20
Rachel Wyatt,	166 68
Cynthia Hancock,	38 84
Ruth P. Lang,	171 91
Mary D. Way,	332 73
Betsey K. Colby,	110 51
Chythia A. Hill,	110 39
James N. Forrest,	246 95
Nancy Clark,	54 32
Demon Wyatt,	121 66
Susan I. C. Rogers,	243 86
James N. Forrest,	214 78
Chase W. Colby,	213 51
Josiah Piper,	372 29
Jos. Brown,	132 73
Daniel Barnard,	307 96
Austin F. Pike,	362 35
J. C. Wyatt,	233 35
" " "	94 13
Arthur S. Merrill,	120 88
" " "	634 87
" " "	62 33
" " "	110 40
Mary Clough,	984 83
" "	170 27
" "	166 12
Statira Collins,	635 30
Albert L. Titcomb,	971 59
Chas. H. Chase,	131 95
Jos. French,	126 91
Statira Collins,	102 08

N. H. Savings Bank,	546 83
Wm. Jones,	621 43
J. M. Clough,	310 44
Susan Burley,	72 36
Albert Brown,	716 53
Moses Bachelder,	468 72
Barker Eastman,	1,585 17
Caroline Blake,	317 00
Susan M. Wadsworth,	721 40
John H. Varney,	211 50
Dorothy E. Hill,	79 25
“ “ “	89 77
Chase W. Colby,	316 65
Jos. S. Cross,	737 68
Henry T. Hill,	842 53
Bradbury T. Brown,	1,050 00
Hannah C. Smart,	368 78
Chas. F. Clark,	156 60
Sarah Davis,	104 08
John W. Wells and Jos. M. Folsom,	541 84
Hannah C. Smart,	103 48
Geo. M. Riley,	77 41
David Brown,	310 35
Betsey S. Warren,	315 00
Jos. S. Robinson,	282 50
Nancy Hanaford,	102 68
Hannah H. Glines,	205 36
Ruama Copp,	127 75
Bradbury T. Brown,	306 35
Mary S. Plumer,	239 38
David & Curtice B. Burley,	203 86
Maria Bailey,	101 83
Elizabeth Hill,	91 72
Frank Hill,	66 24
Nancy Hanaford,	560 45
Alfred A. Gile,	1,018 16
Mahala Hill,	107 87
John E. Forrest,	228 37
Curtice B. Burley,	141 86
Orville F. Rogers,	507 66
Alfred A. Gile,	202 86
Bradbury T. Brown,	203 00
Robert Gray,	202 40

Jos. S. Robinson,	151 60
Sarah S. Curry,	367 79
John Curry,	607 17

Total of notes (amount), \$35,336 41
March 2, 1867.

B. F. COFRAN, } *Selectmen of*
 SOLON F. HILL, } *Northfield.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town, for the year 1866 and '67 up to the date hereof, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and vouched.

The following we submit as a brief statement of the financial affairs of the town :

Amount of cash received, \$27,491 49

The same has been paid out as follows, to wit :

Paid outstanding bills,	\$97 42
for support of schools,	707 20
for support of external poor,	347 24
principal and interest on notes,	19,201 47
for support of roads and bridges,	374 58
judgment in Forrest v. the town,	1,161 16
current expenses,	525 18
State and county tax,	3,283 35
abatement of taxes,	5 28
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Balance in treasury,	\$1,788 61
Indebtedness of the town,	\$35,336 41

Available Means.

Balance in treasury as above,	\$1,788 61
Due from the State on account of United States assignments,	1,680 00
Taxes of 1866, uncollected, estimated good,	300 00
Due the town on notes and accounts on sale of town farm property, which does not in-	

clude interest on same—Jos. D. Rand and Samuel Martin's note,	400 00
Balance Jas. N. Forrest's note,	490 00
Sumner A. Dow's bill,	132 25
Amount due on sale of town farm property.	1,022 25
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	\$4,790 86
Deduct for pauper accounts against town,	175 00
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	\$4,615 86
Balance of indebtedness as above (if correct),	\$30,720 55
As per last auditor's report there was due from S. G. Hanaford, as collector for 1865 and 1866,	\$1,690 16
This amount has been arraigned as follows :	
Cash received,	\$1,522 85
Taxes uncollected and abated,	57 13
Collectors fees on whole tax,	108 58
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	\$1,690 16

Northfield, March 2, 1867.

ASA P. CATE, JAMES N. FORREST, JASON FOSS,	} Auditors.
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The subscriber, who was appointed an agent to sell the real and personal estate of the town, reports that he advertised and sold the same on the 29th day of March, 1866.

The farm sold to B. Haines and James N. Forrest, for	\$2,800 00
The town pasture to Joseph D. Rand, for	600 00
Personal property, for	1,533 05
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Amount of sale,	\$4,933 05
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As per the account thereof filed with the Selectmen.

On the 24th day of May, 1866, he settled with the Selectmen and took their receipt for that amount.

ASA P. CATE, *Agent.*

Northfield, March 4, 1867

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS: In compliance with the requirements of law, and the observance of previous custom, I beg leave to submit to your consideration the following report of your schools for the past year, and also some thoughts and suggestions which have occurred to me, while in the discharge of my official duties. The year just past has been one of more than ordinary prosperity and profit. In the selection of teachers, the Prudential Committees, with but few exceptions, have exercised very commendable discretion, thereby securing a class of teachers above the average standing of any previous year of my superintendence. The position of prudential committee is one of the greatest responsibility, and its duties, if properly performed, have the greatest influence in determining the character of our schools. It is not the duty of the Superintending Committee, altogether, to protect you from the impositions of incompetent teachers or pretenders. You should send none to him for his approval, with whose reputation you are not fully acquainted. For illustration; suppose that a teacher is engaged, and on the morning of commencement, presents himself or herself to the committee for his approval. If, after due examination, he is satisfied that the candidate is unsuitable for the position, what then is to be done? The path of duty is plain; but on the other hand arises the question of expediency. The school is ready to commence, the scholars are at the school house, and the district is in expectation, Shall the district be disappointed, the school delayed, and the teacher subjected to exposure and consequent ridicule? This is the most difficult question which I have been called upon to solve, and is confirmed by the testimony of committees in general.

Look well to the selection of your teachers, in the beginning. Having secured a suitable teacher, your responsibility is by no means ended. You should visit your schools often, and make yourselves thoroughly acquainted with everything pertaining to their management. This is not only a high privilege, a source of inter-

est and profit, but your imperative duty. You should also give to your teachers your cordial co-operation. Their task is too often rendered more difficult and unpleasant by a want of sympathy and encouragement on your part. Frequent visits and occasional words of advice and good cheer, are the "green spots" in the experience of every teacher. See to it that your children are not absent, only when it cannot possibly be avoided. Absences by the day or half day are broken links in the chain, and will paralyze the efforts of the best teachers. This is a serious evil, and although we cannot compel parents to keep their children constantly at school, yet they who permit and uphold truancy, are worthy of public censure.

Teachers, allow me to thank you for your efforts in cultivating the moral and intellectual faculties of those committed to your charge. The occupation you have chosen, is one of no common merit or responsibility. It is, in the language of another, "to train the youth of to-day, for the men of to-morrow," to cultivate the minds and develop the faculties that are to rule the nation in the future.

Scholars: I have been highly gratified while visiting your schools from time to time, to witness the efforts you have been putting forth to fit you for the responsible duties of after life. Many of you have plainly shown that you fully appreciate the high privileges which are bestowed upon you. It is one of the beautiful features of our political system that all can be educated alike, at the public expense; that here are no distinctions; that the rich and the poor meet on a common level, and start on the journey of life with equal prospects and equal advantages. But the fact of schools and teachers, cannot make you wise. This can only be acquired by patient and persevering effort on your own part. He wins who will. There is no royal road to learning in these days of lightning and steam, any more than in the days of old.

Parents, teachers, scholars: in conclusion, let me appeal to you all to labor unitedly and earnestly that the youth of our country may be properly educated, that they may become ornaments to society, that they may be established in virtue, morality and all things else which will perpetuate the blessings of republican liberty.

DISTRICT REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Joseph Clisby, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Mrs. Clara A. Sanborn. Mrs. San-

born has been employed in this district before, and during this term, as heretofore, she discharged her duties with honor to herself and to the satisfaction of your committee. This is rather a difficult school, and its most distinguishing characteristics are a lack of interest, and the tendency to insubordination which inevitably accompanies the former. The scholars in this district must bestir themselves, or the good reputation which this school has enjoyed must soon pass from them to another.

Winter term taught by Mr. Alfred M. Clough. This was his first attempt at teaching, and between his faults and those of the scholars, the school was unprofitable in the extreme, and by my advice he closed prematurely.

DISTRICT No. 2. Daniel E. Hill, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Mrs. F. S. Spencer. This is a nice, orderly, and industrious little school. When I visit it I always expect to find it "on the square." Much credit is due to both teacher and scholars. Fall term taught by Miss Addie J. Gorrell. This was a very short term, and being kept during my absence from town, I was unable to visit it. From what I have been able to learn from the teacher of the amount of labor performed, and the general standing of the school, I think it must have been a profitable school and worthy of her former success in the same district.

DISTRICT No. 3. David Heath, Prudential Committee.

This district is partly in Northfield and partly in Franklin, and consequently is under the charge of both committees. The Summer term was taught by a Miss Heath, so I am informed. I examined no teacher for this school, and gave no authority in the premises. My attention was called to the rumored unprofitableness of the school, by some of the citizens in the district, but her position being guaranteed by the committee of Franklin, I left the entire responsibility with them.

Winter term taught by Miss Etta L. Couch, who has had an extensive experience in other places, and has the requisite qualifications necessary for a good teacher. She possesses the faculty of imparting her instruction in a manner easy to be understood, and the general appearance of the school was highly commendable.

DISTRICT No. 4. James N. Forrest, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Charlotte M. F. Tebbetts. This school seems to have but one fault, which is a lack of enthusiasm. The school appears very well in every respect. Scholars very qui-

et and orderly, and seemingly interested in their studies, but do not seem to make the progress which I wished to have seen. The standing of the school is a trifle lower than the average. There are, however, in this school some bright, earnest little thinkers, and I hope that they will infuse their interest and animation into all their classmates.

Winter term taught by Miss Addie J. Gorrell. The remarks made of the Summer, will very well apply to the Winter term. Miss G. is one of our best teachers, and did her best to bring it into better condition.

DISTRICT No. 5. John A. Hanaford, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Clara E. Smart, whose name is sufficient guarantee for the quality of her instruction.

Fall term taught by Miss Helen W. Giles. During the first part of the term there were manifested some slight indications of coming storms, which happily passed off, after which all passed on harmoniously and successfully. Miss Giles did her duty faithfully, which was plainly seen in the progress of her scholars.

DISTRICT No. 6. John Kimball, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Rebecca V. Kimball; Fall term, by Miss Ella A. Browne. This is one of the good little schools. The scholars seem to understand their duties and set about in good earnest to perform them. Much credit is due to both teachers for their efforts, and also to the parents for their co-operation.

DISTRICT No. 7. James F. Glines, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Addie J. Gorrell. Fall term taught by Miss Clara E. Smart. This is the best school in town, all things considered, and had the good fortune to have two of the best teachers. The citizens take special pains to procure the best teachers. This has been the case during all the time I have had charge of the schools. If they are unfortunate enough to get a poor one, it is purely by accident.

DISTRICT No. 8. John G. Brown, Prudential Committee.

Winter term only, taught by Mrs. Olive A. Osgood. At the closing examination, I found but three scholars present, and two of these were in the primary branches. One young lady present, who in fact constituted the "school," passed a very good examination. No workman however good could build much of a house with only three bricks.

DISTRICT No. 9. No school.

DISTRICT No. 10. Rev. M. A. Herrick, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Mrs. Horatio A. Hill, who has had much experience and rightly enjoys the reputation of being a superior disciplinarian. This school, like all others in and near villages, needs to be ruled with a vigorous hand. In this school are some as good scholars as are to be found in the town, and some who are not quite up to what they ought to be, or what they might be if they chose.

Winter term taught by Miss Louisa C. Barnes. This was her first attempt at teaching, and at the commencement I had some misgivings as to whether she was the right person for this school. But I was happily disappointed. Notwithstanding this was her first school and one of the most difficult in town, she succeeded very well indeed, and I doubt not with more experience will make one of the best of teachers.

DISTRICT No. 11. Summer term only, taught by Miss Selina Thurston. I make the following extract from Miss Thurston's Register: Whole number of different scholars four years of age and upwards, attending not less than two weeks, 3. Average attendance during the year, 2. Miss Thurston is however one of the best teachers employed during the year, but had scarcely enough to do with, to make it interesting to herself or her scholars.

SOLON F. HILL, Superintending School Committee.

Northfield, March 4, 1867.